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TAGS: CGEN, CPG, GY (PEOPLES TEMPLE)
SUBJECT: COPYING OF TAPE RECORDINGS AND DOCUMENTS
OBTAINED FROM JONESTOWN
1. COPYING OF FOUR CRATES OF TAPE RECORDINGS OBTAINED BY
U.S. CONSUL FROM JONESTOWN SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 2/2.
IF QUESTIONS ARISE IN DELAYS IN COPYING THESE TAPES
IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT:
(A) COPYING HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANT
DETERIORATION OF TAPE CAUSED BY HOT, HUMID STORAGE
CONDITIONS AT JONESTOWN WHICH PREVENTS ORIGINALS FROM
BEING COPIED AT HIGH-SPEED.
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(B) FBI HAS BEEN ABLE TO SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE QUALITY
OF COPIES THROUGH TECHNICAL PROCESSES. THUS, COPIES
ARE CLEARER THAN ORIGINALS.
(C) FURTHER STORAGE OF ORIGINAL RECORDINGS IN HOT AND/OR
HUMID CONDITIONS COULD CAUSE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL
DETERIORATION OF ORIGINAL RECORDINGS.
2. FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, WE MAY ULTIMATELY WISH TO
PROPOSE TO GOG THAT WE STORE ALL ORIGINAL TAPE RECORDINGS
AT CLIMATE CONTROLLED FACILITY IN WASHINGTON AREA.
PROVIDE THE GOG WITH COPIES OF ALL TAPES FOR INVESTI-
GATIVE USE, AND PROVIDE WITH ORIGINALS OF TAPES AS
NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH COURT PROCEEDINGS IN GUYANA.
3. FBI HAS REITERATED ITS INVITATION TO GOG TO SEND
A GOG POLICE OFFICIAL TO U.S. TO WORK WITH FBI IN
CONNECTION WITH COPYING OF SEVEN CRATES OF TAPE
RECORDINGS NOW IN POSSESSION OF GOG.
4. PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF STATUS OF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG ON ABOVE SEVEN CRATES OF TAPES.
5. COPYING OF DOCUMENTS HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF
NEED TO SORT THEM BY SUBJECT MATTER AND TO NUMBER EACH

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ONE PRIOR TO COPYING THEM. WE HAVE NO FIRM ESTIMATE ON WHEN COPYING OF DOCUMENTS WILL BE COMPLETED. VANCE

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